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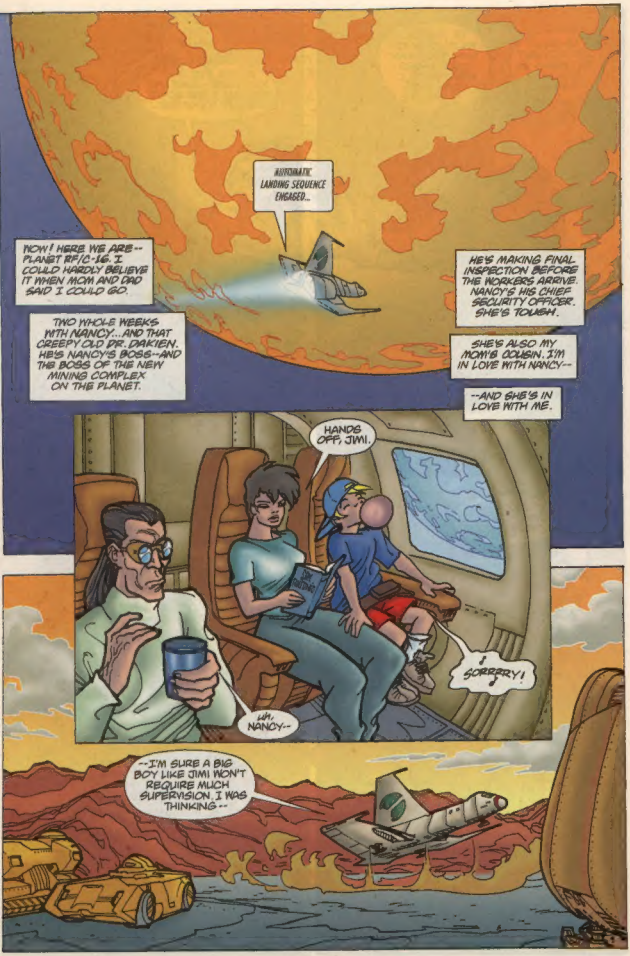

NOW! HERE WE ARE--PLANET R#/C-16. I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE IT WHEN MOM AND DAD SAID I COULD GO.
AUTOMATIC LANDING SEQUENCE ENGAGED...
TWO WHOLE WEEKS WITH NANCY...AND THAT CREEPY OLD DR. DAKTEN. HE'S NANCY'S BOSS--AND THE BOSS OF THE NEW MINING COMPLEX ON THE PLANET.
HE'S MAKING FINAL INSPECTION BEFORE THE WORKERS ARRIVE. NANCY'S HIS CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER. SHE'S TOUGH.
SHE'S ALSO MY MOM'S COUSIN. I'M IN LOVE WITH NANCY--
--AND SHE'S IN LOVE WITH ME.
HANDS OFF, JIMI.
UH, NANCY--
SORRRRY!
--I'M SURE A BIG BOY LIKE JIMI WON'T REQUIRE MUCH SUPERVISION. I WAS THINKING--

--WE COULD USE THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TO FINALLY... I MEAN...
DR. DAKIEN, I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU MEAN. DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN WHEN I SAY--

--"NO, NEVER"?
AH...YES. I DO. UH, NICE KNIFE--JUST LIKE THE ONE I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOUNG JIMI...

?
YOU TOLD ME IT WAS FROM YOUR GIRLFRIEND, JIMI.
STILL, YOU TOOK IT AWAY...

I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR QUARTERS. THEN I WANT YOU TO START ON YOUR HOMEWORK--PRONTO!
AW, NANCY!

NANCY...

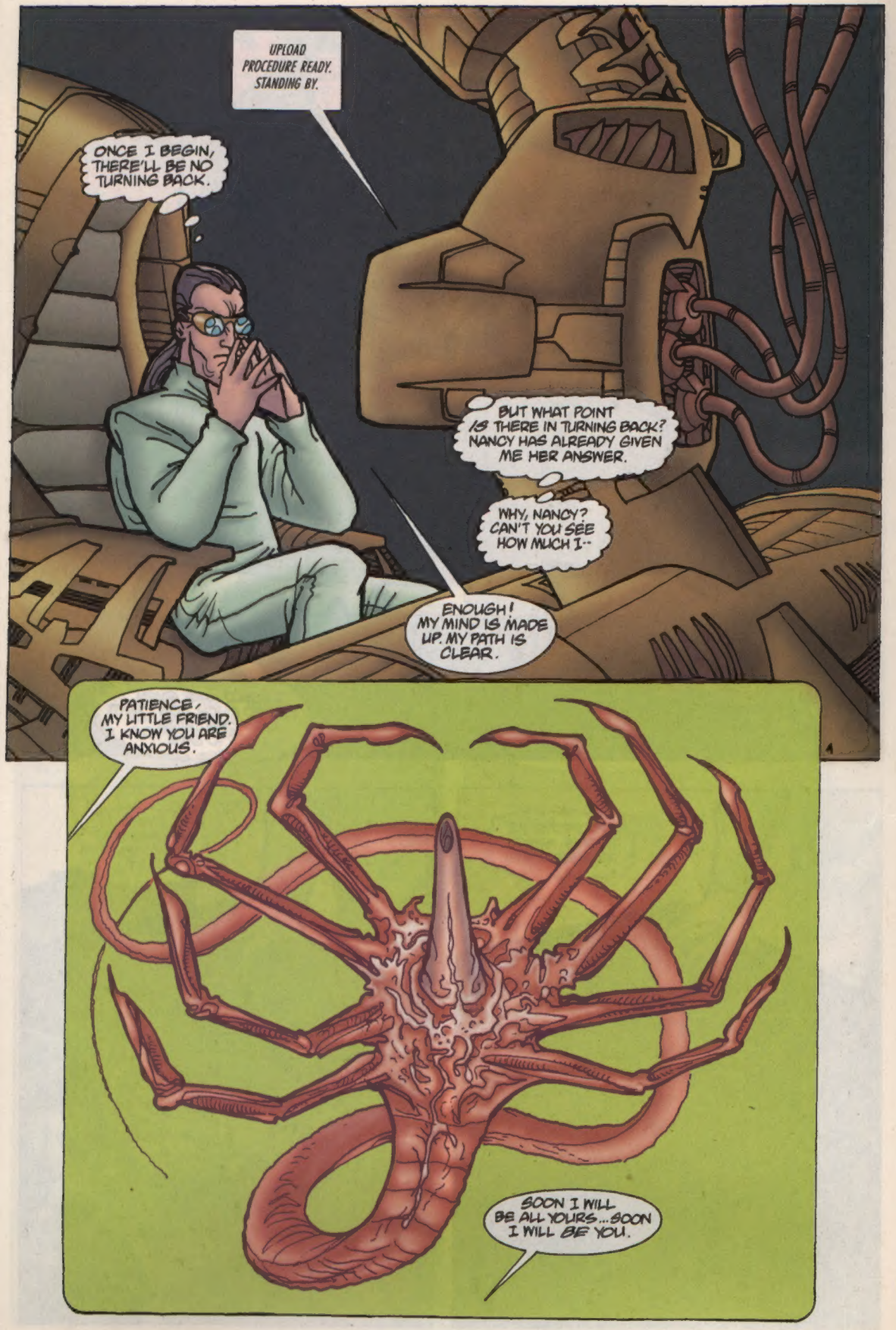
...NANCY...

...FOR FIVE YEARS I HAVE LONGED FOR YOU. FOR FIVE YEARS YOU HAVE SPURNED MY LOVE.

I COULD HAVE GIVEN YOU SO MUCH. NOW I HAVE ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO GIVE.

YOU DROVE ME TO THIS, NANCY. REMEMBER THAT.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS ALL YOUR FAULT.


UPLOAD PROCEDURE READY. STANDING BY.
ONCE I BEGIN, THERE'LL BE NO TURNING BACK.
BUT WHAT POINT IS THERE IN TURNING BACK? NANCY HAS ALREADY GIVEN ME HER ANSWER.
WHY, NANCY? CAN'T YOU SEE HOW MUCH I--
ENOUGH! MY MIND IS MADE UP. MY PATH IS CLEAR.
PATIENCE, MY LITTLE FRIEND. I KNOW YOU ARE ANXIOUS.
SOON I WILL BE ALL YOURS...SOON I WILL BE YOU.

I'M DOING THIS BECAUSE OF YOU, NANCY. ACTUALLY, I'M DOING THIS FOR YOU-- TO SHOW YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU--

--AND HOW YOUR REJECTION BROKE MY HEART. HOW WILL YOU FEEL THEN, HUH? I BET YOU'LL BE SORRY. YOU'LL REGRET NOT ACCEPTING MY LOVE. BUT IT WILL BE TOO LATE.

COMPUTER, BEGIN PROCEDURE.

WHIRR.

WHIRR.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE PULLED THAT KNIFE ON DAIGEN. CRAZY STUNT, UNPROFESSIONAL. BUT MAYBE HE FINALLY HEARD ME.
STILL, IT'S GONNA MAKE THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TOUGH--NOT THAT KEEPING AN EYE ON JIMI ISN'T GOING TO BE ENOUGH TROUBLE.

LITTLE KLEPTO...
WHAT CAN I DO? I CAN'T REFUSE HIS FOLKS THE FAVOR--THEY PAID FOR MY SCHOOLING. NOW I'VE GRADUATED TWICE: FROM SECURITY OFFICER TO BOY SCOUT LEADER.
OH, WELL. IT'S ONLY FOR TWO WEEKS.

FOURTEEN DAYS...

...THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX HOURS.
TWENTY THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY MINUTES...
ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND SECONDS... SHEESH!

my Summer Vacation
essay by Jimi.
"how I saved my love nancy"
OH Jimi!!
TIZZ
YOUNG MAN, HOW ABOUT A TOUR OF OUR FACILITIES?
BONUS!
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE WRITING A REPORT FOR SCHOOL, BUT NANCY CAN'T REALLY COMPLAIN--THIS IS LIKE A FIELD TRIP-- IT'S EDUCATIONAL.
WOW!

Pestilence! Famine!
Planet-devouring creatures!

0900 Field Update:

Central American armies invading...

Pacific Ocean to the west...

Certain defeat to the east...

Better roll sixes...

[illegible] will you emerge [illegible] forced to surrender [illegible] strategy, fortify your armies, [illegible] for next heated battle.

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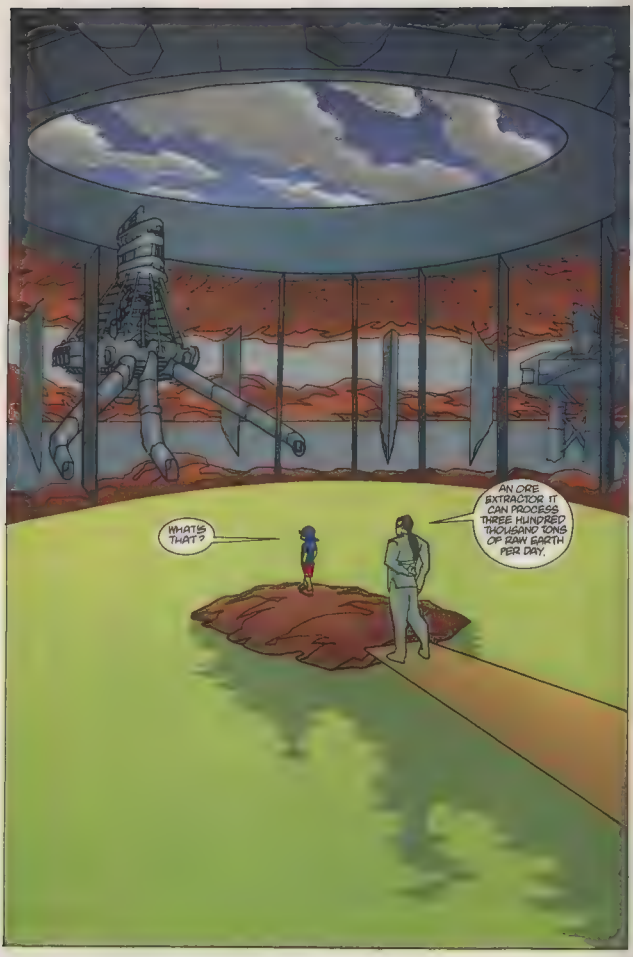
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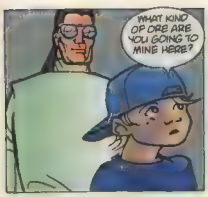
AN ORE EXTRACTOR. IT CAN PROCESS THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS OF RAW EARTH PER DAY.



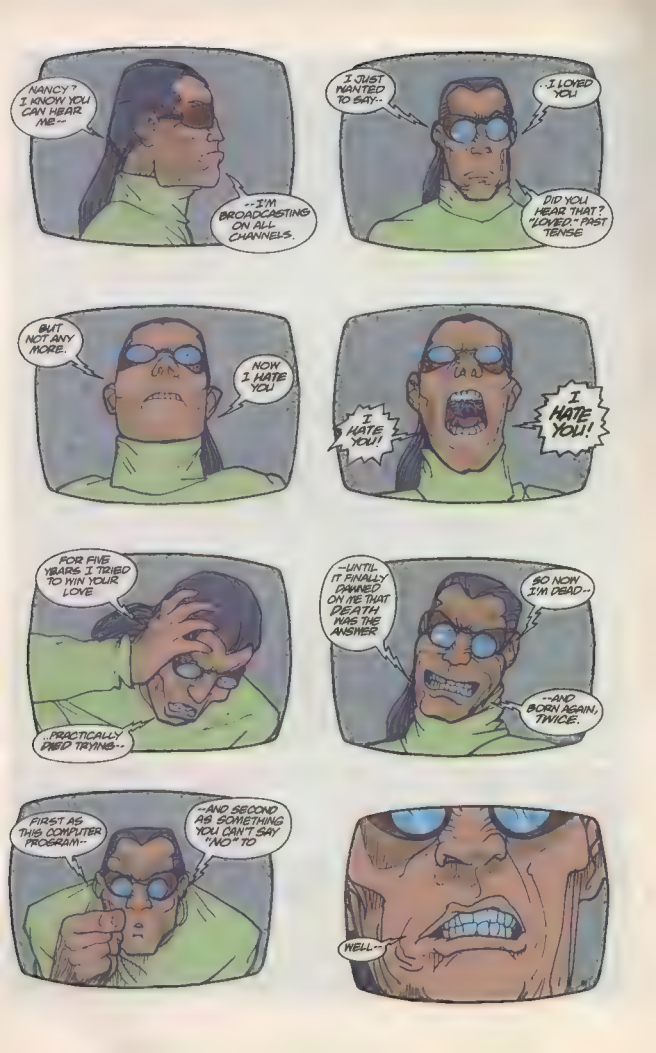
I CAN'T SWIM!

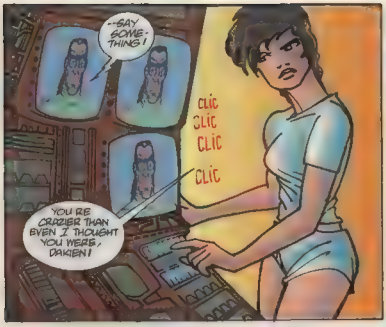
I WOULDN'T ADVISE IT, ANYWAY. THIS ISN'T WATER, IT'S ACID.

IF I WERE YOU, I'D START WISHING THERE WAS A DOCTOR ON THIS STINKING PLANET, 'CUZ WHEN NANCY FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS SHE'S GONNA KICK YER BUTT FROM HERE TO--

I'M AFRAID I'M ALREADY PAST ANY DOCTOR'S HELP, YOUNG MAN.

BUT DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE TELLING NANCY ALL ABOUT THIS SHORTLY.


NANCY? I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME--
--I'M BROADCASTING ON ALL CHANNELS.
I JUST WANTED TO SAY--
..I LOVED YOU
DID YOU HEAR THAT? "LOVED" PAST TENSE
BUT NOT ANY MORE.
NOW I HATE YOU!
I HATE YOU!
I HATE YOU!
FOR FIVE YEARS I TRIED TO WIN YOUR LOVE
..PRACTICALLY DIED TRYING--
--UNTIL IT FINALLY DAWNED ON ME THAT DEATH WAS THE ANSWER
SO NOW I'M DEAD--
--AND BORN AGAIN, TWICE.
FIRST AS THIS COMPUTER PROGRAM--
--AND SECOND AS SOMETHING YOU CAN'T SAY "NO" TO
WELL--


--SAY SOME-THING!
CLIC
CLIC
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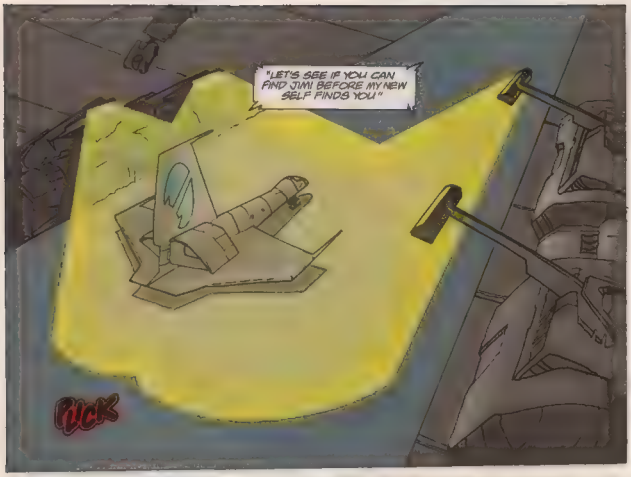
CLIC
YOU'RE CRAZIER THAN EVEN I THOUGHT YOU WERE, DAKIEN!

CLIC
TOUGH, UNFLAPPABLE NANCY I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR OWN SAFETY. BUT WHAT ABOUT JIM?

RUN, NANCY! FIND JIM! HE'S NOT IN HIS QUARTERS...MAYBE HE'S IN MY LAB!

-OCKED, OF COURSE
OF COURSE
AH, GOOD GIRL. THAT'S USING YOUR HEAD


"LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN FIND JIM! BEFORE MY NEW SELF FINDS YOU"
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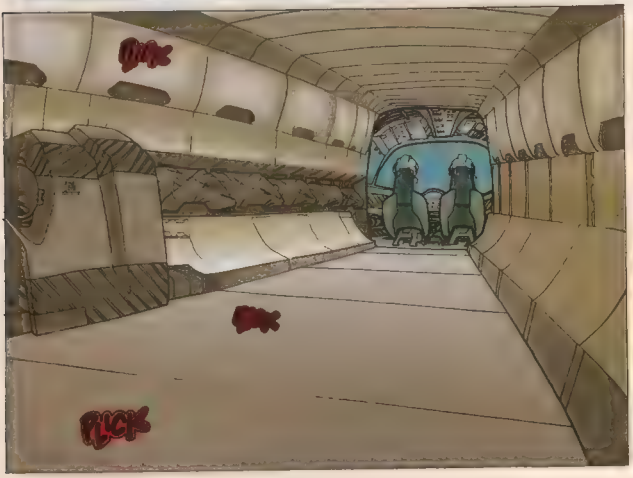
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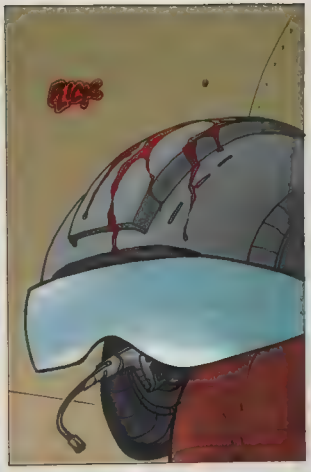
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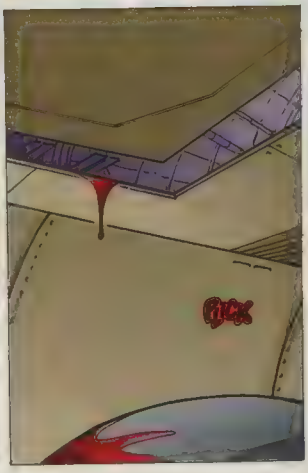
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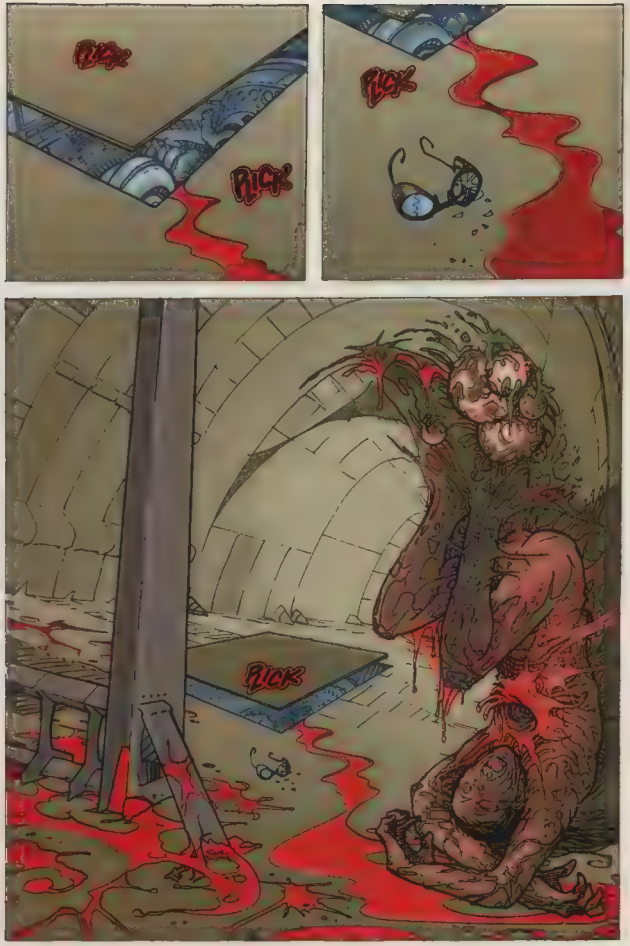
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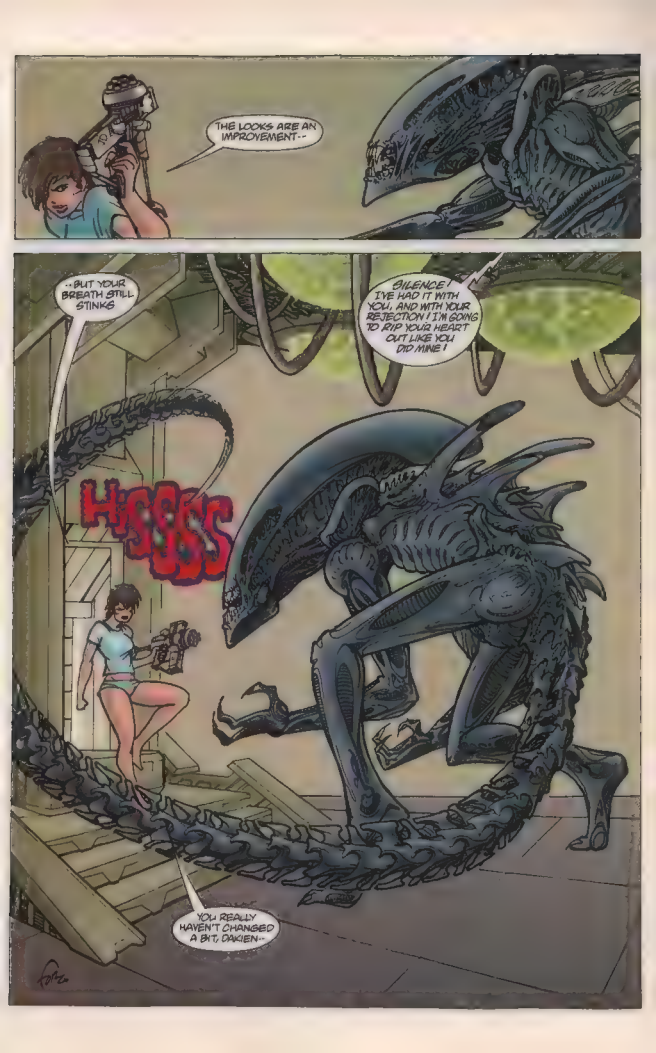
AW, SORRY. JIM'S NOT IN THE LAB AFTER ALL
NO--
--BUT I SEE SOMETHING THAT MIGHT COME IN HANDY
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR, NANCY? I ALREADY TOLD YOU, JIM'S NOT IN THE LAB
YOU'RE NOT AS SMART AS YOU THINK. YOU ARE, DRIGIN YOU MAY HAVE CONTROL OF THE COMPUTERS--
--BUT THE SECURITY CAMERAS ARE ON A SEPARATE LINE. REMEMBER? I DESIGNED THE SYSTEM

SO YOU DID I GUESS YOU'VE OUTWITTED ME DEAR ME, WHAT COULD I HAVE BEEN THINKING?
SHUT UP WHAT'S JIMI DOING ON THAT ISLET?
HELP! NANCY! WHERE ARE YOU?

WELL LOOK WHO'S HERE!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THE NEW ME?


THE LOOKS ARE AN IMPROVEMENT--
--BUT YOUR BREATH STILL STINKS
SILENCE! I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU, AND WITH YOUR REJECTION! I'M GOING TO RIP YOUR HEART OUT LIKE YOU DID MINE!
HISSSSS
YOU REALLY HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT, DAKIEN--

...YOU'RE STILL ALL TALK AND NO ACTION!
KR-SS
AGGH! NO!
COME BACK HERE, YOU BI...
SORRY, GOTTA RUN!

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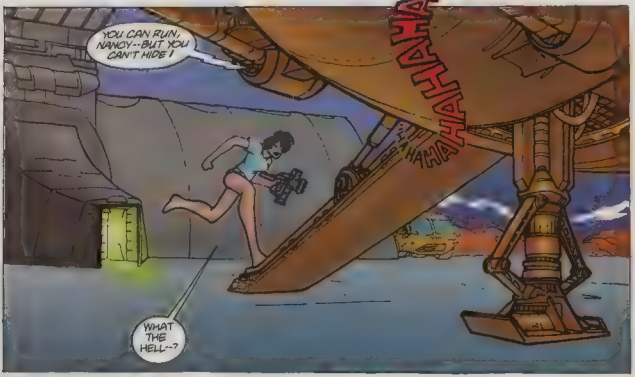
YOU CAN RUN, NANCY--BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE!
HAHAHAHA
WHAT THE HELL--?

HA HA HA HA HA
DAMN, I CAN'T BLOCK THE FEED
I MAY BE STUCK WITH THIS--
--BUT THERE'S
--NO WAY--
--I'M PUTTING UP--
--WITH IT.
HA HA HA HA HA
PRSH

NANCY
WILL I EVER SEE YOUR EYES AGAIN?
BLORP
mah?
HISSSS!
uip.

OF COURSE LEAVE IT TO JIMI TO FIND THE REALLY BIG TROUBLE
NANCY, HELP!
HANG ON, SQUIRT!
THAT'S IT, BABY LOOK UP HERE

NOW OPEN WIDE AND SAY--
--DIE!
RATT

LUCKY YOU.
LUCKY ME!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, JIMI?
I--I GUESS...
...I FEEL KINDA DIZZY...
MUST BE THE FUMES --ALL THAT ACID.
LET ME TAKE CARE OF YOU.
BONUS!
I JUST GOT WORD -- A TECH TEAM WILL BE HERE IN TWO DAYS TO RELOAD THE COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT, UM, WAS MYSTERIOUSLY ERASED.
HOW'S YOUR ESSAY COMING?
ALMOST DONE, NANCY DEAR!
THERE!
~~most~~ by far, definitely my best summer vacation ever! the end. Jimi

FINISH LINE

YEAR-END UPDATE

If you're like me, you've noticed that your '96 calendar mysteriously ends somewhere around the last part of December. I'm not sure who thought this was a good idea, but it's prompted me to take a look back at the high points of the past twelve months:

• **Tom Yeates**, inker on *Edgar Rice Burroughs' Tarzan*, and sweetheart Laurie Almeida gave birth to a baby girl, Olivia, last January. The whole family is doing fine.

• *Hard Looks* author **Andrew Vachss** was presented with a Bob Clampet Humanitarian Award for his work on the Thailand boycott to help end child sexual exploitation in Thailand.

• Famed author **Harlan Ellison** received a Bram Stoker Award for "Chatting with Anubis" from *Harlan Ellison's Dream Corridor* #4.

• At the Eisner Awards this year (held at the San Diego Comic-Con International), **Stan Sakai**, creator of *Usagi Yojimbo*, picked up two awards — one for "Talent Deserving of Wider Recognition," and one for "Best Lettering."

• **Geof Darrow** won an Eisner as "Best Penciller/Inker" for his amazing work on *The Big Guy and Rusty the Boy Robot*.

• Writer-artist **Frank Miller** added yet another Eisner to his growing collection when *Sin City: The Big Fat Kill* won the award for "Best Limited Series."

• The Eisner for "Best Graphic Album — Reprint" went to writer-artist **Bryan Talbot** for his acclaimed story *The Tale of One Bad Rat*.

• Creator **Evan Dorkin** also scored an Eisner ("Best Short Story") with "The Eltingville Comic-Book, Science-Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, and Role-Playing Club in Bring Me the Head of Boba Fett" from *Instant Piano* #3.

• According to *The Mask* and *Lobo/Mask* artist **Doug Mahnke**, he and wife Michelle now have a second daughter. Says Doug's note: "Teresa Nicolle Mahnke was born 8/30/96 at 10:41 PM. A beautiful little baby girl of the finest quality."

• Meanwhile, at World-Con, the World Science-Fiction Convention, penciller, painter, and *Godzilla* artist Bob Eggleton won a coveted Hugo Award for "Best Artist." It was the second time Bob has won this award.

• *Monkeyman & O'Brien* creator **Arthur Adams** and the aforementioned **Bryan Talbot** were both recently in Spain for the Salón Internacional Del Comic Del Principado De Asturias convention, where they were each presented with Huxtur Awards. Arthur won for his cover illustration for *Classic Star Wars: A New Hope* #1, and Bryan won for *A Tale of One Bad Rat*.

All in all, it was an eventful year for Dark Horse creators, and we at Dark Horse congratulate all of them on their achievements. We also want to thank you, our readers, for your continued support and enthusiasm — we couldn't do it without you.

Happy holidays to all, and best wishes for the coming year!

Randy Stradley
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- ❑ Barry Windsor-Smith: STORYTELLER #3
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- ❑ Insider #13
- ❑ Star Wars: Tales of the Jedi — The Golden Age of the Sith #3

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- ❑ Aliens: Lovesick (one-shot)
- ❑ The Black Pearl #4
- ❑ Chronowar #5
- ❑ Predator: Kindred #1
- ❑ The Real Adventures of Jonny Quest #4
- ❑ Sin City: Lost, Lonely, and Lethal (one-shot)

ON SALE DECEMBER 26

- ❑ Adventures of The Mask #12
- ❑ Blade of the Immortal: Fanatic #1
- ❑ The Heretic #2
- ❑ Oh My Goddess!: Robot Wars #1
- ❑ Species: Human Race #2
- ❑ Star Wars: X-Wing Rogue Squadron — The Warrior Princess #2
- ❑ Usagi Yojimbo #6

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